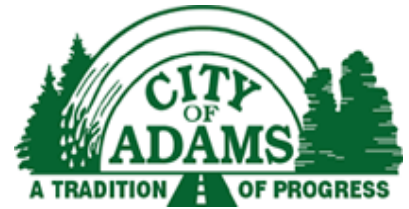


NEWS FOR OUR CITY NEIGHBORS
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City Administrator - New Year, New Holiday Budget...

The City budget, just like Christmas, seems to come earlier each year. And whatever religion or heritage, we can all agree that Christmas and the City budget season both share a unique sense of magic. After many yuletide meetings and public hearings, City Council adopted the 2010 budget at the regular meeting of December 7, 2009.

For 2010, stockings will be stuffed with the same level of City services but as a special Christmas bonus, the City portion of tax levy has been lowered by 1.5%. This is in spite of another Grinch imposed reduction in State shared revenues. State shared revenue is important because it represents roughly 65% of the City's General Fund operating budget. Property taxes account for less than 25% of the General Fund budget. Included among the services funded through State shared revenue and City property tax levy are police (with their Red Rider carbine action B-B guns) fire protection (awesome red trucks with real siren sound), subsidized ambulance service, street maintenance (R.V. waste not allowed in the storm drain) curbside garbage collection (for scorched saucer sleds), sleigh maintenance, curbside recycling, leaf and yard waste collection, parks and recreation and City economic development programs.

Included among the tasks performed by City elves (which are only complicated by the green curl toed shoes) is the collection of property taxes for property owners within the City. It's important to remember that your tax bill includes levy for all taxing jurisdictions (i.e. Schools and County). In keeping with the spirit of the season, the large majority of property taxes collected by the City are generously distributed back to each respective taxing jurisdiction. This tax levy distribution is reflected on your property tax gift certificate (bill).

So, no coal in anyone's stocking; which is o.k. since it's not a clean method of energy production anyway. If we could only harness the energy contained within a single fruitcake. So;

Wassail! Ho ho ho and, a Jolly La Te Da

Public Works Publication...Snow & Ice From

Sidewalks: Within twenty- four (24) hours after the cessation of two inches (2") or more of snow or ice, it shall be the duty of the owners and/or the occupants of any lot or parcel of land in the City of Adams to remove, or cause to be removed, the snow from any and all sidewalks and the nearest cross-side-walks adjacent to the premises of such owner(s) or occupant(s), and to keep the same free and clear of snow and ice for the full width of the sidewalk. No person shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, any snow or ice taken and removed from his premises or elsewhere upon any sidewalk, alley, parkway, public place or street in the City, provided however, that the person, firm or corporation depositing such snow shall, within one (1) hour thereafter, cause the same to be removed from such street. Copies of Ordinances can be obtained at the City Municipal Building.

Also a reminder that it is the property owner's responsibility to keep their mailboxes cleared during the winter months for postal delivery.

Please contact your Postal Service for more specific requirements and assist your mail carrier for a safe winter season.

Garbage & Recycling: Refuse is not to be set out more than 24 hours prior to pick-up time per ordinance 8-3-6(B)(1). Also refuse must be in covered containers or tied clear garbage bags. The "Drop Off" site is located behind the Public Works garage at Juneau and Center Street and can be accessed through the main gate. Please be aware of the new signs that are in place and what is and is not allowed to be dropped off. These sites are for the City of Adams Residents only! Anyone that is not a City of Adams resident caught depositing material or waste will be issued a citation. The hours are from 7:30AM – 3:00PM, Monday – Friday.

Oak Wilt: The City Council has undertaken the task of trying to control and manage the potential hazard of the spreading of Oak Wilt. One step in that direction is not cutting down or trimming of Oaks during the period between April 1st and August 31st. Per City ordinance, you are to cut down diseased trees on your property after August 31st and before April 1st. The City will continue to identify and mark all diseased trees in the City with an orange "X". The owner is responsible for removing trees on private property. The City will be removing the trees in the right-of-way and City owned property. This is mandated by the State. The City would appreciate your cooperation.

Communication from the Chief of Police... It's that time of year again and the Police Department hopes everyone will have a safe holiday. If you have questions on road conditions call 1-800-762-3947 or 511. You may also check the web at www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/driving-cond.htm for information including road construction and road closures. Remember to buckle up when traveling, it's the law!!!! The Adams Police Department has an officer on duty at all times. If you need an officer call 339-3304 and the Adams County Sheriffs Department will dispatch a City Officer to you. The office hours are from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday thru Friday. During that time you can call 339-6839.

If you own a dog or a cat you must have the animals licensed each year. Licenses can be picked up at City Hall. No more than two dogs and no more than eight cats per home. You need approval from the Common Council to exceed this number. The license fees are \$8.00 for spayed or neutered animals and \$13.00 for non spayed or non neutered animals. Proof of rabies vaccination is required on each animal. Fines for non compliance range from \$200.50 to \$389.50 per animal.

Winter Parking will remain in effect until April 15. Parking takes effect at midnight and ends at 8:00 A.M. You must park on the side of the street that correlates to the number day during that time frame. If it is an odd number day during that time, park on the odd side of the street. On even number days, park on the even side of the street. If a snow emergency is declared, there is no parking on any City street until the end of the emergency. Your vehicle may be towed at your expense. Listen to WDKM 106.1 or Channel 4 on your local cable access for snow emergencies!!

Attention Alarm Owners... If your business or home has an alarm you are required to obtain a permit for the alarm. Please contact the department for a permit application. The fee is \$5.00.

****IMPORTANT NOTICE – FROM THE ADAMS COUNTY OFFICES****

Because of budget constraints, the Adams County Treasurer's Office will no longer send out 2nd Installment reminder notices in June. Your new tax bill has a 3 part bottom tear off. Use the left tear off for 1st installment or the right tear off if paying in full. You will save the middle tear off portion of your tax bill for your July payment. **REMEMBER, SAVE THIS NOTICE FOR JULY PAYMENT**

ADAMS COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

Effective 2010 delinquent charges for waste and recycling disposal accrued at the Adams County Landfill and Recycling Center (Solid Waste Department) may be billed to the property owner on the tax roll. This includes, but is not limited to, construction containers placed by contractors, waste brought to the site by contractors, and waste/recycling services ordered by tenants. For questions, contact the Solid Waste Department at 608-339-9178.

Comments From the Clerk... Utility Deferred Agreements Are available to those who need them. Contact the Clerk's office with any questions.

House/Building/Numbering... By City Ordinance 13-1-23, all buildings require identification, with letters of not less than 3" nor more than 6" in height and shall be located in a manner so as to be visible from the address street. **(Please keep in mind: BUILDING NUMBERING is also EXTREMELY important for Emergency Purposes.)**

The Spring Election will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2010. If a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2010.

TAX COLLECTION HOURS

Monday thru Friday

8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

(OFFICE CLOSED FROM 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.)

No postdated checks will be accepted.

Make checks payable to:

Janet Winters, Treasurer, City of Adams

If you would like a receipt, please send a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope.

Tax payments are now available on-line.

Visit the tax payment website at officialpayments.com for details.

The Clerk/Treasurer's Office
will be Closed: Thursday, December 24,
Friday, December 25, and
Friday, January 1, 2010



*We wish you a
happy, healthy,
and prosperous
New Year!*

Janet

Jeanne

Michelle